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Pryor ♦ St. Xavier ♦ Wyola

The most current county-by-county information can be found in our quarterly publication *Employment and Labor Force Trends*. And most of our information is on the Internet at <http://rad.dli.state.mt.us/>. In addition, we'll do our best to provide information in accessible format, on request, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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# **Big Horn County**

Located in southeastern Montana, Big Horn County is Montana's 14th most populous with 12,671 residents, according to the 2000 Census.

Hardin, the county seat, is the state's 23rd largest city with a population of 3,384. According to the *Montana Almanac*, by authors Andrea Merrill and Judy Jacobson, the county was established in 1913 and named for the Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep.

Big Horn County is home to the Crow Indian Reservation, Montana's largest. The Northern Cheyenne Reservation borders the Crow on the east. The Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument is southeast of Hardin and memorializes those who died when Lt. Col. George A. Custer and his troops were defeated by Sioux and Northern Cheyenne warriors on June 25, 1876. The county is rich in coal resources and coal mining was the fifth largest industry in 1998.

According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, median income for Big Horn County households in 1997 was \$24,317. The county is 5,014.7 square miles in area; 4,994.9 square miles in land area and 19.8 in inland water area.

County residents experience the four distinct seasons. According to the *Western Regional Climate Center*, the average minimum temperature in Hardin in January between 1948 and 2000 was 6.5 degrees above zero. The average maximum temperature in July was 89.9 degrees above. The annual precipitation during the same period was 11.77 inches and the growing season was from May 15 to Sept. 21 (last and first frost).

## **Big Horn County Population**

**Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census**

Area	2000 Census	1990 Census	1980 Census	% Change '90 to '00	% Change '80 to '90	% Change '80 to '00
Montana	902,195	799,065	786,690	12.9%	1.6%	14.7%
Big Horn County	12,671	11,337	11,096	11.8%	2.2%	14.2%
Hardin	3,384	2,940	3,300	15.1%	-10.9%	2.5%
Lodge Grass	510	517	499	-1.4%	3.6%	2.2%

# 1998 New Businesses by Industry

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01	Agricultural Production-Crops	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>18</b>

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau.

\*SIC Code: Standard Industrial Classification Code.

New businesses registered with the Unemployment Insurance Program.

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## Top 10 Private Employers In Big Horn County

*Listed In Alphabetical Order*

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Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau

First Quarter 2001 Unemployment Insurance Information

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## Annual Average Labor Force For Big Horn County

Year	Civilian Labor Force		Unemployment Rate
	Employed	Unemployed	
2000	5,871	5,024	847 14.4%
1999	5,452	4,927	525 9.6%
1998	5,253	4,780	473 9.0%
1997	5,137	4,654	483 9.4%
1996	5,045	4,540	505 10.0%
1995	4,912	4,288	624 12.7%
1994	5,225	4,572	653 12.5%
1993	5,039	4,399	640 12.7%
1992	5,163	4,397	766 14.8%
1991	4,710	4,170	540 11.5%
1990	4,599	3,981	618 13.4%
1989	4,364	3,876	488 11.2%
1988	4,778	4,264	514 10.8%
1987	4,864	4,233	631 13.0%
1986	4,921	4,199	722 14.7%
1985	4,759	4,268	491 10.3%
1984	4,603	4,201	402 8.7%
1983	5,263	4,816	447 8.5%
1982	5,524	5,023	501 9.1%
1981	5,766	5,235	531 9.2%
1980	6,055	5,662	393 6.5%
1979	5,901	5,603	298 5.0%
1978	5,518	5,150	368 6.7%
1977	4,555	4,194	361 7.9%
1976	4,346	4,091	255 5.9%
1975	4,157	3,862	295 7.1%
1974	4,177	3,856	321 7.7%
1973	3,865	3,608	257 6.6%
1972	3,704	3,481	223 6.0%
1971	3,759	3,530	229 6.1%
1970	3,664	3,496	168 4.6%

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau (2001 Benchmark)

## Summary of Major Occupational Categories By Sex

1990 Census-Equal Employment Opportunity Data

Civilian Labor Force-All Persons

Occupation	Total	Male	Female
<b>Total</b>	4,569	2,496	2,073
Managerial and Professional Specialty Occupations	952	417	535
Executive, Administrative and Managerial Occupations	324	201	123
Professional Specialty Occupations	628	216	412
Technical, Sales and Administrative Support Occupations	1,002	295	707
Technicians and Related Support Occupations	92	51	41
Sales Occupations	266	143	123
Administrative Support Occupations, Including Clerical	644	101	543
Service Occupations	941	358	583
Private Household Occupations	4	0	4
Protective Service Occupations	158	123	35
Service Occupations, Except Protective and Household	779	235	544
Farming, Forestry, Fishing	565	505	60
Precision Production, Craft and Repair Occupations	353	318	35
Mechanics and Repairers	113	106	7
Construction Trade	169	165	4
Extractive Occupations	11	11	0
Precision Production Occupations	60	36	24
Operators, Fabricators and Laborers	546	465	81
Machine Operators, Assemblers and Inspectors	90	67	23
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	236	210	26
Handlers, Equipment Cleaners, Helpers and Laborers	220	188	32
Unemployed, No Recent Civilian Work Experience	210	138	72

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Equal Employment Opportunity File, (CD-ROM)

## Resources

### ⇒ Chamber of Commerce:

Hardin Area Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture, 21 E. 4th St., Hardin, MT 59034, 406-665-1672

### ⇒ Department of Labor and Industry:

**Billings Job Service Workforce Center**

2121-B Rosebud Dr., Billings, MT 59102, 406-652-3080

**Billings Unemployment Claims Telephone Center**

P.O. Box 30697, Billings, MT 59107-0697, 406-247-1000

### Montana Department of Labor & Industry's Research & Analysis Bureau Publications

For information on employment by industry, new businesses, labor market information, profile of the Montana worker, job projections and hourly pay by occupation, contact the office at any of the numbers listed on the front of this publication or check out our Internet website at <http://rad.dli.state.mt.us/>.

### ⇒ Housing Costs:

Check the Yellow Pages in the local phone directory for the *Real Estate* listings.

### ⇒ Internet:

Montana Workforce Services home page for job listings at <http://jsd.dli.state.mt.us/>. Cities and towns of Busby, Crow Agency, Decker, Fort Smith, Garryowen, Hardin, Lodge Grass, Pryor, St. Xavier and Wyola Home Pages—Use the Search Utilities on the Internet to find home pages for Montana cities.

### ⇒ Montana Motor Vehicle Division:

**Drivers' Licensing**

Hardin-Courthouse, 406-665-9830

### ⇒ Newspaper:

**Big Horn County News**, 204 N. Center Ave., Hardin, MT 59034, 406-665-1008

### ⇒ Public Library:

Big Horn County Public Library, 419 N. Custer Ave., Hardin, MT 59034-1892, 406-665-1808

### ⇒ Postsecondary Education Institution:

**Tribally Controlled Community College**

Little Big Horn College, 1 Forest Lane, Crow Agency, MT 59022, 406-638-3100, <http://www.lbhc.cc.mt.us>

### ⇒ Superintendent of Schools, Kindergarten through 12th Grade:

Community Elementary, 625 W. 4th, Hardin, MT 59034, 406-665-1304

Hardin Public Schools, Route 1 Box 1001, Hardin, MT 59034-9707, 406-665-1304

Lodge Grass Public Schools, P.O. Box 810, Lodge Grass, MT 59050-0559, 406-639-2304

Pryor Public Schools, Box 229, Pryor, MT 59066, 406-259-7329

Spring Creek Elementary, Box 118, Decker, MT 59025, 406-757-2215

Wyola Elementary, P.O. Box 66, Wyola, MT 59089, 406-343-2722

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## Big Horn County Employment By Industry\*

### Annual Averages 2000

Industry	# of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Paid
<b>TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES</b>	274	4,253	\$103,065,240
<b>PRIVATE BUSINESS</b>	232	2,992	\$64,617,131
AGRI, FORESTRY, FISH	16	74	\$1,303,919
Agri Production/Crop	5	19	\$316,788
Agri Production/Livestock	8	43	\$808,002
Agriculture Services	3	12	\$179,129
MINING	6	456	\$24,364,230
CONSTRUCTION	25	86	\$1,378,666
Special Trade	17	37	\$614,958
MANUFACTURING	4	53	\$880,087
TRANS , COMMUN., UTILITIES	13	71	\$1,485,169
Local Transportation	3	23	\$278,739
WHOLESALE TRADE	11	69	\$1,678,548
RETAIL TRADE	58	529	\$6,110,153
Bldg Materials-Garden	5	24	\$337,188
Food Stores	9	132	\$2,183,309
Auto Dealers-Service Stations	8	67	\$1,032,829
Apparel & Accessories	3	11	\$101,623
Eating & Drinking	19	217	\$1,787,890
Miscellaneous Retail	11	65	\$983,785
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE	15	143	\$3,190,158
Real Estate	6	24	\$341,424
SERVICES	81	1,507	\$24,226,205
Hotels & Lodging	8	46	\$468,720
Personal Services	4	12	\$213,009
Business Services	3	8	\$104,497
Auto Repair Services	5	13	\$229,249
Amusement & Recreation	16	106	\$1,618,633
Health Services	6	195	\$3,614,597
Legal Services	6	8	\$158,915
Membership Organizations	7	12	\$137,009
Engineering Services	8	33	\$873,527
GOVERNMENT	42	1,261	\$38,448,109
State	9	49	\$1,352,567
Local	12	722	\$17,252,189
Federal	21	489	\$19,843,353

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research and Analysis Bureau.

(Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)

\*Employment Covered by Unemployment Insurance.

### Per Capita Personal Income

	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991	1990	1980	1970
U S	\$28,542	\$27,322	\$25,874	\$24,651	\$23,562	\$22,581	\$21,718	\$21,082	\$20,089	\$19,584	\$10,183	\$4,095
Montana	\$21,997	\$21,307	\$20,173	\$19,383	\$18,764	\$18,129	\$18,072	\$17,114	\$16,509	\$15,524	\$9,143	\$3,625
% of National Average	77%	78%	78%	79%	80%	80%	83%	81%	82%	79%	90%	89%
Big Horn County	\$13,386	\$13,269	\$12,603	\$11,987	\$12,336	\$12,673	\$13,521	\$12,547	\$11,935	\$10,849	\$8,262	\$3,022
% of National Average	47%	49%	49%	49%	52%	56%	62%	60%	59%	55%	81%	74%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System. Released May 2001.

PLEASE NOTE: Because of time and budget constraints, we are only able to update our county fliers periodically. Individual tables are updated on a more frequent basis. You can call us if you'd like the most current information for a particular county. The Annual Averages for County Employment By Industry are updated annually, usually in June. The Top Employers are updated annually. Per Capita Income statewide is usually released late spring. Population data for Montana is released in late December and county data in March. The Annual Average Labor Force information is benchmarked annually and numbers available before March. The other tables contain Census information and will be updated every 10 years. You can also look for more current information on our website listed on the front of this publication.

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**Big Horn County**  
Count of Persons by Age, Race and Sex

School Age	American Indian & Alaska Native												Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific		Some Other Race		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
	White Alone		Black Alone		Alone		Islander Alone		Alone											
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female		
5-11	410	196	0	0	1,281	611	0	0	9	5	59	23	85	41						
12-14	224	104	1	0	535	259	0	0	3	0	23	14	30	20						
15-17	228	106	0	0	543	270	0	0	5	1	33	16	31	17						
18-21	150	73	0	0	504	247	0	0	2	1	18	10	24	13						
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,012</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,863</b>	<b>1,387</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>91</b>						
Working & Voting Age	American Indian & Alaska Native												Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific		Some Other Race		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
	White Alone		Black Alone		Alone		Islander Alone		Alone											
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female		
16+	3,698	1,888	2	0	4,682	2,476	26	20	66	30	203	104	271	123						
16-64	2,977	1,473	2	0	4,349	2,276	15	11	54	26	191	99	255	116						
18+	3,539	1,817	2	0	4,322	2,298	26	20	61	29	187	96	251	114						
18-64	2,818	1,402	2	0	3,989	2,098	15	11	49	25	175	91	235	107						
Other Age Group	American Indian & Alaska Native												Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific		Some Other Race		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
	White Alone		Black Alone		Alone		Islander Alone		Alone											
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female		
0-4	237	115	2	0	879	410	3	2	8	3	51	27	68	34						
5-17	862	406	1	0	2,359	1,140	0	0	17	6	115	53	146	78						
18-44	1,515	756	1	0	2,785	1,469	8	7	37	23	107	55	185	85						
45-64	1,303	646	1	0	1,204	629	7	4	12	2	68	36	50	22						
65+	721	415	0	0	333	200	11	9	12	4	12	5	16	7						
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,638</b>	<b>2,338</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7,560</b>	<b>3,848</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>226</b>						

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 1 (SF1) 100-Percent Data

Compiled by: Census & Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, September 2001

### Big Horn County

County of Residence	# Who Work in Big Horn County	County of Work	# Who Live in Big Horn County
Out of State	539	Out of State	10
Big Horn County	3,133	Big Horn County	3,133
Yellowstone County	196	Rosebud County	164
Other Montana Counties	23	Treasure County	23
		Yellowstone County	128
		Other Montana Counties	51

Source: 1990 Census Data provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.



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